

(B) DESERTING MINOR CHILD.

A PARENT MAY NOT DESERT HIS OR HER MINOR CHILD.

(C) PENALTIES.

AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 27, § 88(b)(1).

In subsection (a) of this section, the word "fail" is substituted for the former word "neglects" to conform to § 10-201 of this subtitle.

Defined term: "Support" § 1-101

10-204. ORDER TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT.

(A) AUTHORITY OF COURT.

BEFORE TRIAL AND WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL, OR ON CONVICTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER § 10-203 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO IMPOSING A PENALTY UNDER § 10-203 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT MAY:

(1) ORDER THE INDIVIDUAL TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT PERIODICALLY IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR 3 YEARS, OR, IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORT OF THE CHILD, ORDER THE INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE PAYMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT; AND

(2) PLACE THE INDIVIDUAL ON PROBATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENTERING INTO A RECOGNIZANCE.

(B) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.

IN PASSING THE ORDER, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL.

(C) RECIPIENT.

THE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL SHALL MAKE THE PAYMENTS:

(1) TO THE PERSON WHO HAS CUSTODY OF THE MINOR CHILD, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; OR

~~{2}--IF-THE-PERSON-WHO-HAS-CUSTODY-OF--THE--CHILD--HAS MADE--AN--ASSIGNMENT--OF-THE-RIGHT-TO-RECEIVE-CHILD-SUPPORT-UNDER ARTICLE-88A--§-48(2)-OF-THE-CODE--TO-THE-ADMINISTRATION--OR~~

~~{3}~~ (2) IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORT OF THE CHILD, TO THE RECIPIENT DESIGNATED IN THE AGREEMENT.